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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04350.0012-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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ESSER et al.) Group Art Unit: 3727
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Serial No.: 09/689,615) Examiner: S. Castellano
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Filed: October 13, 2000)
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For: RAPID DEPLOYMENT HAZMAT)
CONTAINMENT DEVICE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2001. The item checked below is attached:

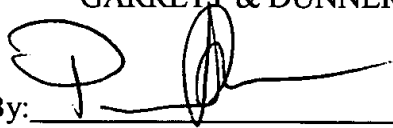
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, and 20, and add new claims 22-28 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A rapid deploy containment device adapted to receive and retain hazardous waste, the containment device being moveable between an erect open configuration and a collapsed compact configuration, the containment device in the open configuration [having] forming a receptacle [capable of receiving hazardous waste], the containment device comprising:

rods, each rod being pivotally joined to another rod by a scissors connection intermediate the ends of said rod;

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